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Steve Whittington, exhibition leader for Team Prairie Vertical, on a previous exhibition. CONTRIBUTED

Saskatchewan team to climb treacherous Yukon heights

Striving high. Team Prairie Vertical aiming to be the first ever to reach the summit of Mount Saskatchewan

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Saskatoon-based mountain climber Steve Whittington and his team of three have their sights set on being the first to reach the summit of Mount Saskatchewan in the Yukon.

"It's a new level of challenge, but that's why you mountaineer and that's why you climb — you try to push your mind and your body to further limits," said Whittington, adding the team is now in the final stages of preparation.

Two teams tried to summit the 3,500-metre-high mountain in 2005 and 2007, but both attempts were unsuccessful, Whittington explained, adding this expedition comes with some pressure as his team is exploring uncharted terrain.

"There's pressure for sure," said Whittington. "You have a bunch of unknowns — there hasn't been anybody that's gone up it to tell you what you might be facing. Everyone wants to get a first ascent under their name if they're a serious alpinist."

Whittington said preparation for an expedition like this falls into a number of categories, adding that a combination of technical skills, physical endurance and logistics are important for success, but a strong mental state is also needed.

Mentally prepped

"You're going to be out there completely alone, so you have to be confident in your abilities ... so you can do what needs to be done when conditions turn against you."

Steve Whittington, leader for Team Prairie Vertical, on climbing Mount Saskatchewan

"You have to wrap your mind around the isolation," he said. "You're going to be out there completely alone, so you have to be confident in your abilities so you can control your fear and have the skills, so you can do what needs to be done when conditions turn against you."

Team Prairie Vertical plans to start the climb on May 18.

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Peruvian scientists puzzled over marine-life deaths

Scientists in Peru are puzzled after nearly 900 dolphins and 4,450 pelicans were found dead on beaches in the northern part of the country. Watch at metronews.ca

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Would you stop buying soda pop if it cost more? A recent report in the U.S. is proposing a tax on sugary drinks and a price cut on healthier choices. Scan the code for the story.

Hockey teams chase championship repeat

Team Saskatchewan. Men's and women's squads gear up for National Aboriginal Hockey Championships

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Team Saskatchewan's women's team is introduced at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships opening ceremonies in Saskatoon on May 7. DORIAN GEIGER/METRO

Team Saskatchewan will be looking to repeat at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) being held in Saskatoon this week.

Running until Saturday, the 16-team tournament showcases some of Canada's best midget men and women First Nations hockey players from around the country.

Team Saskatchewan's men's and women's teams claimed gold medals at last year's NAHC and the tournament marked the fourth consecutive NAHC title for the men's team.

"The tournament as a whole is amazing. It provides the opportunity for aboriginal hockey players to showcase their talent and skills," said Team Saskatchewan's men's coach Clay DeBray. "We're talking the province's best aboriginal players."

Both the men's and women's Team Saskatchewan squads opened the tournament with wins. The men's team trounced Team Atlantic 11-2, while the women's squad slipped past Team B.C. with a 4-2 victory on Monday.

Sixteen-year-old Kellsey Brazeau won the player-of-the-game award following the win over Team B.C. She's ecstatic to have been selected for Team Saskatchewan's roster.

"It meant a lot because I'm good enough to make the team. It's a pretty good feeling," Brazeau said.

Team Saskatchewan women's head coach Jean Fauchon is aware how important events like the NAHC are to aboriginal youth across Canada.

"It's a big honour for these girls to come out and display their talent and it helps them get that self-esteem that maybe they are lacking," said Fauchon.

Rally a final push for film industry

Supporters of the film industry in Saskatchewan will be holding a rally on May 14 in a final attempt to let the provincial government know they want to see an adequate replacement for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit.

The rally will take place at the Canada Saskatchewan Production Studios in Regina, but Saskatoon supporters will be meeting at Kinsmen Park for a free yoga lesson and pancake breakfast before travelling to Regina to join other supporters.

Quoted

"It's not just an aspect of the industry, but the entire industry on the chopping block. The head is rolling away and we're trying to save it."

Teresa Mead, a rally organizer, in support of a replacement for the film tax credit

"This is our last week to make an impression on the government because the legislature closes at the end of next week," said Teresa Mead, one of the rally organizers, adding how some members — including her — are preparing for the worst.

"People have already started planning where they're going to be moving," she said. "Our own family has had to think of where we might have to move as well, because we're in the final stages here."

Bill Hutchison, the provincial culture minister, said in a release that the new incentive "will bring the creative-business sector together with emphasis on helping the industry, including film, to grow, to advance, and to hopefully be leaders in Canada in terms of digital technology and production."

The event was originally planned as a festival celebrating Saskatchewan film, but the lack of a refundable tax credit in a recent incentive introduced by the provincial government caused the event to change form.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Public safety

Province to track violent offenders

Saskatchewan is launching a $1.9-million program to help protect people from serious violent offenders.

The money will be used to hire more police, probation officers and support staff.

The additional staff will be used to track and identify high-risk violent offenders while they are in custody and after they are released from jail.

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Health care

Health services to get cash influx

The Saskatchewan government is spending $3.6 million to improve primary health services across the province.

The cash will allow Regional Health Authorities to improve access to family physicians, nurse practitioners, midwifery and therapy services. Part of the plan will include establishing primary-health service teams in eight different locations.

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Crime

Police in search of robbery suspect

At roughly 9:39 p.m. on Monday, police responded to reports of an armed robbery that occurred at a fast-food restaurant located in the 1600 block of 22nd Street West.

The lone male suspect wore a mask that concealed a portion of his face and was armed with what was described by employees as a handgun. The thief then forced staff to turn over a small amount of money before fleeing on foot. METRO

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Friendship Inn soup kitchen serving more than ever before

Helping the hungry. Long-term look at the problem paints a troubling picture of poverty in Canada

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The Food Banks of Canada releases national annual statistics that focus on hunger and food-bank usage known as the hunger count.

This year's hunger count reports that in 2011 the number of people who relied on food banks and food programs in Saskatchewan dropped 8.8 per cent compared to 2010.

But the larger picture paints a slightly different story. That same number has increased from 13,065 to 20,665, or by 58.2 per cent, since 2001.

These are statistics that ring true when you see the lunchtime lineup at the Friendship Inn, which offers two free meals a day for anyone who needs it.

"When a city like ours expands, it puts pressure on the inner city," said CEO Lynda Brazeau. "Lots of people have moved to the city for a job, but never got that job and now they can't afford to eat. This problem is not going away."

Brazeau, who started at the Friendship Inn on Dec. 1, 2011, said the number of people who come to the inn to eat has doubled from 300 to nearly 600 since she started.

The Friendship Inn supports more than just members of the homeless community. It also serves low-income families, the working poor and senior citizens.

"Serving these people with respect and love and care is absolutely necessary," said Brazeau. "We make sure that no one leaves hungry.

"This poverty is right here at our backdoor and while it's not glamorous to give to your city, it's necessary."

The inn relies on the support of volunteers and donations from the public and grocery stores such as Costco.

Look at the numbers

2011 Saskatchewan hunger stats:

- Single-parent families represent 24.2 per cent of those assisted by food programs.
- 68.4 per cent of those who rely on food programs rent their primary dwellings.
- 43 per cent of individuals assisted by food programs are under the age of 18.

Patrons at the Friendship Inn are seen lining up to get lunch. The soup kitchen's CEO says the number of people coming there to eat has doubled in only a few months. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Saskatchewan's women entrepreneurs lauded

Laura Small, CEO of Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan, says women have come a long way in the business world. CONTRIBUTED

The government has announced that this week will be dedicated to women entrepreneurs.

The annual week of recognition will highlight women's achievements in business and the resulting economic growth. It will offer up events and highlight various support programs that are available to entrepreneurs.

"Women make up over half of the population and it is vital for the Saskatchewan economy to have women starting, growing and leading businesses," Social Services Minister and Minister responsible for the Status of Women June Draude said in a news release.

In 2011, there were 31,700 self-employed women in Saskatchewan, and 8,000 of these businesses employed at least one person. Of the 3,700 self-employed people registered in the last five years, 2,100 of them were women.

Laura Small is the CEO of Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan, a provincial organization that helps women with loans and business assistance. She says dedicating a week to women entrepreneurs is vital.

"Saskatchewan's economy is growing, and women are playing a big part in that," says Small. "It's important to recognize the contribution that women-owned businesses are making to the Saskatchewan economy."

The week was also created to encourage future businesswomen. "It's important to recognize that and also to encourage women who may be thinking of entrepreneurship as an option. To show them successes and role models that they can gain encouragement from."

But women who start their own businesses still face a number of challenges, says Small. She cites the fact that women tend to open businesses in the service industries, which are not usually asset-based sectors. Banks tend not to loan to non-asset-based companies.

On top of that, there's the work-life balance that many women face that can take time away from growing a business. And women still have a bit of stigma around credibility as well, says Small. "There's still a little bit of the aspect of women not necessarily having the business expertise or that it's a hobby rather than a business."

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Five arrested in killing of Canadian in Mexico

Ximena Osegueda was murdered with her boyfriend on a dream vacation to Mexico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Canadian graduate student and her boyfriend who were killed late last year were innocent victims of escalating gang activity in one of Mexico's hottest tourist destinations, Mexican police say.

Local media reported that two men and three women have been arrested in connection with the robbery-related deaths of Ximena Osegueda, 39, and her 38-year-old boyfriend Alejandro Santamaria.

Three other suspects still remain at large, reports said.

Osegueda, who was completing her PhD at the University of B.C., was visiting the Mexican province of Oaxaca when she and her boyfriend disappeared on Dec. 14.

Family members raised the alarm and mounted a search party to look for them.

Osegueda's ex-husband discovered their charred bodies half buried on a beach near the resort town of Huatulco in early January.

Police said Osegueda and Santamaria had both been stabbed in the neck and set ablaze.

Robbery appears to have been the motive, state prosecutor Manuel de Jesus Lopez said. Gang members allegedly made off with the couple's bank cards and cellphones as well as Osegueda's Chevrolet.

It was the car that led to a break in the case, Lopez said.

Using the vehicle's global positioning system, police tracked it to the home of a local gang member's girlfriend.

By the time police made the connection, both the gang member and his girlfriend were already dead in what investigators described as a settling of accounts.

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A friend mourns

A longtime friend of murdered Canadian graduate student Ximena Osegueda welcomed the news Tuesday that Mexican police have arrested five people.

- "I just hope it's the right people, because they deserve to be caught," said Christianne Odehnal. "It's not a relief, because they took her life."

Rush at Tim Hortons. Tiny newborn arrives on the double-double

They could name her "Timbit."

Staff at a Tim Hortons outlet in Windsor, Ont., are used to serving double-doubles — but delivering a baby was an entirely different experience.

Restaurant manager Aaron Hayes says a woman entered the coffee shop Tuesday, saying she was expecting a baby soon and didn't feel well.

Staff were soon gathering towels and one of them, Judy Glenn, helped the woman deliver her daughter in the women's washroom.

Hayes says a 911 dispatcher also helped by giving instructions over the phone.

Minutes later, EMS arrived to take the woman and the baby girl to hospital.

"The lady's OK. The baby's OK," Hayes said.

Hayes, a father himself, said Glenn also has children so she had some idea of what to expect. She was given the rest of the day off.

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Tasty at Tim's

Timbits were introduced by Tim Hortons in April 1976. "Bit" is an acronym for Big In Taste.

Teens targeted

Tory MP wants to ban that tan

Conservative MP James Bezan is pushing for age limits on tanning beds. His private member's bill would ban the use of tanning beds and booths by people under 18.

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Funeral goes on

Craigslist ad seeks lost ashes

Blake Williams advertised on Craigslist in B.C. after losing his brother-in-law's ashes. The bag fell out of Williams' car on the way to the funeral. Saanich police are helping to locate the bag. METRO VANCOUVER

'Together they did this ... together they are guilty'

Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, left, walks into court in London, Ont., Tuesday with partner James Goris and a friend. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tori Stafford killing. Rafferty and McClintic 'were in this together,' Crown lawyer says

Michael Rafferty was no innocent bystander in the abduction, rape and murder of eight-year-old Victoria Stafford, court heard Tuesday.

Rafferty was the one in control of the events of April 8, 2009, from start to finish, the Crown said in its closing submissions at his first-degree murder trial.

The assertion is in stark contrast to the defence closing arguments, in which Rafferty's lawyer, Dirk Derstine, suggested Terri-Lynne McClintic was the engine behind Tori's killing.

But Crown attorney Kevin Gowdey told the jury in London, Ont.: "Michael Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic were in this together. Together they did this to Tori … together they are guilty."

McClintic, who is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, testified that Rafferty urged her to kidnap a young girl, that he raped the girl, and that pent-up rage from her own childhood traumas caused McClintic to snap and murder Tori.

That testimony marked a change from what she told police for years — that Rafferty was the one who killed Tori with a hammer.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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Defence case

Terri-Lynne McClintic "perjured herself over and over and over again."

Dirk Derstine, Rafferty's lawyer

High-profile trial. Judge accused of killing wife had mistress, court told

A former judge accused of killing his wife had taken a mistress, his high-profile murder trial heard on its first day of testimony Tuesday.

Jacques Delisle had retired from the Quebec Court of Appeal just months before his wife was killed by a gunshot wound to her temple.

The court was told Delisle's former secretary will eventually be called to testify.

According to the prosecution, she had been having an affair with the judge.

The body of 71-year-old Marie-Nicole Rainville was found in the family's Quebec City home in 2009.

Her death was initially listed as a suicide, but Delisle was charged seven months later. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Evidence

"My wife killed herself. There's a revolver next to her."

Part of an alleged 911 call by Delisle, heard in court.

Death-row inmate looks to Ottawa

A lawyer representing a Canadian on death row in Indiana wants Ottawa to advocate to save her client's life.

But she isn't sure what kind of support, if any, the case will get.

Jennifer Merrigan said she carefully watched the political drama unfold at last week's clemency hearing of another Canadian death-row inmate, Ronald Smith in Montana.

Smith's lawyers accused the Canadian government of reneging on an offer to speak at his hearing and called their tepid support in his case "treachery."

Merrigan, an attorney with the Death Penalty Litigation Clinic in Kansas City, has been talking with Canadian officials about providing help for her client, Robert Bolden.

"To be honest, we really haven't been able to ascertain what (support) that would be."

Smith had been considered the only Canadian currently on death row in the United States until Bolden's new team of defence lawyers made a discovery two years ago. He was born north of the border in Newfoundland.

His lawyers have since found a copy of his birth certificate and determined that not only does he have Canadian citizenship, he may not officially be American.

The revelation only recently made its way to the Canadian public, including officials with Amnesty International.

Court documents show Bolden was born in Stephenville, N.L., in 1963. It's believed his mother was a prostitute and his father, a military serviceman, was stationed at nearby U.S. base.

A jury convicted Bolden of murder during the commission of a robbery and sentenced him to death.

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Robert Bolden, a Canadian on death row in Indiana. THE CANADIAN PRESS

He brought the Wild Things to life

In this 1985 photo, author Maurice Sendak poses with one of the characters from his book Where the Wild Things Are, designed for the operatic adaptation of his book. Among the most honoured and adored children's authors, he ranks with Dr. Seuss as a revolutionary force of the past half-century. He told stories for children that were actually about children, not just what adults wished them to be. He died Tuesday in Danbury, Conn., after suffering a stroke last week. For more on Sendak's impact, see Paul Sullivan's column in Voices, page 7. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Foiled bomb plot being investigated

Airport alert. Current technology would have spotted latest threat, officials say

American explosive experts are dissecting a new-and-improved al-Qaida underwear bomb seized before it could blow up a U.S.-bound commercial airliner — but even as they work, the foiled terrorist plot has swiftly and predictably become political fodder.

The CIA and its overseas partners thwarted the attack following a covert Yemeni intelligence operation. Those behind the plot apparently hoped to take down a plane, but U.S. officials revealed Tuesday that the would-be bomber at the heart of the plot was actually an informant working for the CIA and Saudi Arabian intelligence.

The plot was foiled at around the same time as last week's first anniversary of Osama bin Laden's death at the hands of navy SEALs last year, but, contrary to initial reports, it was not timed to coincide with the anniversary.

The bomb was non-metallic and wouldn't have been detected by airport screening devices, officials say, but likely would have been picked up by body scanners. There were no changes planned for airport security measures in the U.S. as a result of the plot.

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Security systems

- FBI experts are picking apart that non-metallic device to see if it could have taken down an airplane.
- Though analysis of the device is incomplete, U.S. security officials said they remained confident in the security systems in place.

Steve, a man who is 95 per cent blind, waves as he test drives Google's self-drive car. YOUTUBE.COM

Look, no hands! Self-driving car tested

The citizens of Nevada are getting the chance to drive the "car of the future."

The Silver State has approved Google's application to test its unique self-driving cars on the state's public roads.

It's said to be the first such licence issued to test autonomous vehicles in the U.S.

The tech-giant underwent multiple test demonstrations on highways and residential roads.

And the car even made its mark on the Las Vegas Strip.

Google invited Steve, a man who is 95 per cent blind, to experience the company's ground-breaking autonomous-driving technology.

The self-driving vehicle even took Steve to pick up his dry-cleaning.

IRENE KUAN/METRO

Self-parking too

To watch a video of Steve testing out the self-driving car, visit metronews.ca.

- The car transports Steve down a residential road, then into a fast-food drive-thru to grab a taco. It even parks itself.

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Credit-card companies under fire

Dictating terms. Visa, MasterCard issuers set up perverse system: Competition Bureau

Canada's credit-card system is a "perverse" place where shoppers who pay with cash or debit subsidize purchases made with credit cards, the Competition Bureau argued Tuesday in its opening salvo against Visa and MasterCard.

That's because merchants pay high fees for accepting credit cards and those costs are passed on to all consumers, the bureau's lead counsel Kent Thomson said in his opening statement to a tribunal hearing whether credit-card companies are engaging in anti-competitive behaviour.

Presenting the case for the Competition Bureau, Thomson argued that the restrictive contracts put in place by Visa and MasterCard allow the two credit-card companies — which represent 92 per cent of the market — to essentially dictate terms to merchants.

As Thomson pointed out, Visa and MasterCard charged merchants about $5 billion in fees for the privilege of accepting payments by customers using the cards, charges that merchants recoup through higher consumer prices.

Those fees, which range from 1.5 to three per cent on purchases, are among the highest in the world, he said, about twice the rate firms charge merchants in Australia, New Zealand and many parts of Europe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Most Canadians are unaware of the high cost of fees."

Kent Thomson, the Competition Bureau's lead counsel, on credit-card companies engaging in allegedly anti-competitive behaviour.

The art of nostalgic advertising

Art Pastusak, left, and his apprentice Liam McWilliams paint a billboard on a brick wall of a New York building in this April 17 photo. Pastusak, a billboard artist since 1977, took McWilliams, a 2010 graduate of Pratt University, as his apprentice in August 2011. Their nostalgic form of advertising is thriving again in New York City. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian broadcasters

Turn down loud ads: Regulators

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has given broadcasters until September to ensure both their programs and commercials are transmitted at the same volume. The commission says 2009's international standard for measuring and controlling television signals will apply to minimize fluctuations in loudness between programming and commercials.
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Online survey. Smartphone users get what they want

The wait is just about over — the Internet will soon provide instant access to just about everything you want.

Sixty-nine per cent of 2012 Rogers Innovation Report survey respondents said that faster, better access to information and knowledge online that will "make me and my life better" was what they wanted the Internet to provide. Survey results were released Wednesday.

"What people are valuing most is real-time information" said Rob Switzman, senior director, emerging business, Rogers Communications.

The online survey polled just over 1,000 adult Canadians who use a smartphone and are connected to the Internet.

"The Internet is no longer just a place to go.... It's creating new experiences and transforming the way people live. From apps that monitor cholesterol to fridges that automatically order groceries, the Internet is becoming the backbone of all connections in the world around us, and will continue to evolve how we go about our daily lives," said Switzman.

Seventy-two per cent of respondents expect the Internet to play an increasingly important role in the next five years.

One future development that Rogers is excited about, said Switzman: "We will not carry a wallet or keys.... Everything will be in your smartphone."
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Connections

Canadians love being connected so much that 34 per cent of those surveyed said they'd give up liquor and beer before their Internet connection, 31 per cent would go without chocolate, and 27 per cent would give up coffee.

- **98 per cent.** Most surveyed use the Internet to connect with family and friends.

Baby clothes. Pyjamas go high-tech

Rogers announced Tuesday that it has partnered with U.S.-based biomedical engineering company Exmovere Holdings Inc., for the launch of digital pyjamas, called Exmobaby, later this year.

The machine-washable outfit has embedded sensors and an AAA-battery powered wireless transmitter that beams information to a computer, smartphone or tablet.

The manufacturer claims the product can perform electrocardiogram tests to measure electrical activity in the heart, monitor skin temperature and movement, and detect mood changes.

Expected to be available sometime after October, a starter kit with four outfits is to sell for $149, plus a $9.99 monthly service plan.

Rogers will be the exclusive provider of wireless service for Exmobaby in Canada and will also use some of its media properties to market the product, said Mansell Nelson, vice-president of the company's machine-to-machine division.
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MAY THE WILD THINGS KEEP ROARING

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca/justsaying

Yesterday, the Wild Things ceased roaring their terrible roar for one minute of silence to mourn the passing of their creator.

Maurice Sendak, author of an entire generation of kids named Max, died at 83.

You may not immediately recognize the name, but if you were ever a kid, you'll remember his book.

Where the Wild Things Are is the story about the kid who was busted for "making mischief" in his wolf costume and sent to bed without his supper. Confined to quarters, his imagination set sail and encountered the Wild Things. They were very scary but he conquered them by staring into their yellow eyes, "not blinking once." The creatures made Max their king and then let the wild rumpus begin.

Leaving a legacy

"Sendak did not care what the officials and the librarians thought. He only cared what the kids thought."

They roared their terrible roars and gnashed their terrible teeth. Everybody had a great, totally awesome time, but Max got homesick and so he said goodbye to the Wild Things and went home, where his mom was waiting and his supper was still hot.

Oh, that Maurice Sendak.

It's hard to believe, but Where the Wild Things Are is one of the most banned books in America (land of free speech) because back in 1963, when it was published, little kids did not get to be angry and roar their terrible roars, especially at their parents.

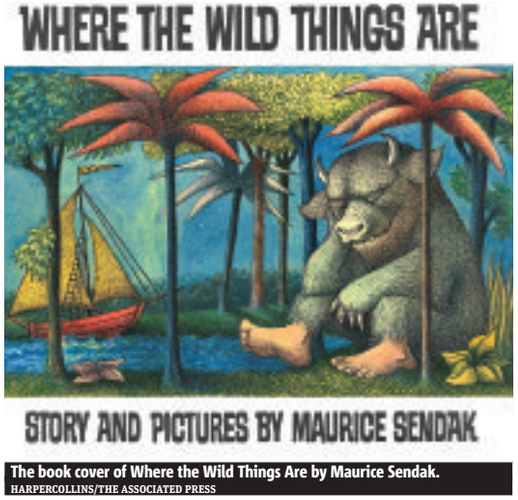
Sendak is responsible for another one of the most banned children's books in America, In the Night Kitchen, in which Mickey floats up from his bed, loses his PJs, ends up in the Night Kitchen and is nearly baked naked into the Morning Bread by three chefs who look like a cross between Oliver Hardy and Hitler.

Whatever. Sendak did not care what the officials and the librarians thought. He only cared what the kids thought: "Kids go for what they enjoy," he said. "They aren't star-chasers and they don't suck up. It's why I like them."

As much as he professed to dislike grown-ups, I think Sendak liked the little kid who lurks within. He brought all us kids — big, little, inner and outer — together at bedtime so we could have one last wild rumpus before the lights went out on another day.

And now the light has gone out forever on Sendak. With him went another piece of a rapidly vanishing spirit — the open-minded, progressive creativity somehow kindled in the second half of the 20th century, despite (or perhaps in defiance of) two world wars.

Fortunately, the creatures of his imagination, the Wild Things, will live on — in our hearts, in our minds and in our terrible roars.



The book cover of Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak.
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Going to California

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Iconic figure

Marilyn not in Chicago Forever

The sculpture Forever Marilyn, by Seward Johnson, was dismantled and prepared for removal on Tuesday in Pioneer Court in Chicago.

The stainless steel and aluminum sculpture, which stands 26 feet tall and weighs 34,000 pounds, was inspired by Marilyn Monroe's iconic scene in the 1955 movie The Seven Year Itch when she holds her dress down as a gust of wind billows the skirt.

The sculpture, which has been on display in the Windy City since last July, will next be displayed in Palm Springs, Calif.

Dismantling the sculpture turned out to be an event, with about 100 onlookers gathering around to watch.

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Controversial creation

The statue has also been described as one of the worst public eyesores.

- There was also much controversy among critics because of the siren's exposed legs.
- It was ranked No. 1 on the Virtual Tourist website's top-10 list of worst public art.

Something to talk about

"It is a conversation-starter.... Part of the reason why the artist creates work is for people to think about what they are seeing and what it means to them."

Jenee Castellanos, associate curator of the Sculpture Foundation, which owns Forever Marilyn, to UPI.com

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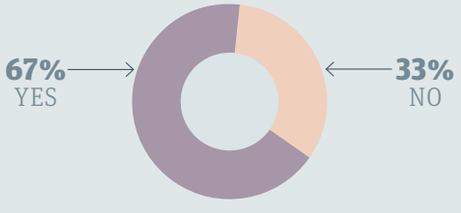

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@deeannmercier:
I'm just constantly amazed at how great non-profits r in this city yet how little support people want 2 give them.

@JHendo9:
Once again today my thoughts are in Sask n those 22 great young men who r battling like crazy for the RBC Cup! Proud that they r so focused

@Darren Sproat:
RiderNation: Riders induct four into Plaza of Honor

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Goodbye beautiful Saskatoon. See you and all of its wonderful people soon. Back to Reg to get this football season underway #RiderNation

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Celebrity saviour

Hoffman helps cardiac arrest victim

A man who had a cardiac arrest while jogging in London's Hyde Park says his life was saved with help from a famous passerby – actor Dustin Hoffman. Sam Dempster said Tuesday that Hoffman waited with him after he collapsed on April 27 until paramedics arrived. On his recovery blog, 27-year-old Dempster thanked medical staff and "my newfound favourite celebrity Dustin Hoffman." Dempster initially credited Hoffman with having summoned an ambulance, but the London Ambulance Service said someone else had made the emergency call. Martin Macarthur, one of the paramedics on the scene, said Hoffman described seeing Dempster collapse and froth at the mouth. "It is essential to get a history of what has happened — he was the main witness and saw him stagger and go down," Macarthur said. "He stayed on the scene for the whole duration of the resuscitation, which was about 15 minutes. He was very concerned." Macarthur said the 74-year-old actor told medics, "Great job, guys," after they resuscitated Dempster with a defibrillator.

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On the web

Sarah Jessica Parker, Sofia Vergara take Met Gala red-carpet role seriously

Baron Cohen's typical antics dictate proceedings

The Dictator. Latest alter-ego is most shocking one yet as British star appals and amuses journalists at film's official press conference in New York

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Sacha Baron Cohen, dressed as his latest alter-ego Admiral General Aladeen, from his upcoming film The Dictator. DAVE ALLOCCA, STARPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The mastermind behind controversial characters Ali G, Borat and Bruno knows how to get the most bang for his buck when it comes to a public appearance.

To promote his upcoming film, The Dictator, (opening May 16) Sacha Baron Cohen arrived at New York's Waldorf Astoria flanked by four short-skirted "guards" to give a press conference to hundreds of journalists from all over the world.

Questions for the conference were pre-approved, but given the clever answers Baron Cohen concocted for them ahead of time, the lack of spontaneity might have been worth it.

Since in the film Baron Cohen plays Admiral General Aladeen — a misogynistic, racist, anti-Semitic ruler of the impoverished African nation of Wadiya — his in-character answers drew gasps, groans and laughs. Here are a few of his best zingers:

"We dictators aren't all bad. While Western countries continue to ravage our planet's resources, we preserve our land and conserve it by burying thousands of bones in single mass eco-graves."

"On behalf of my dear friend and doubles tennis partner President Assad of Syria, I want to thank the United Nations for their brave inaction over Syria. Thirteen months and still no security council resolution. You guys are amazing. You have done next to nothing for the Syrian people — but remember, you can always do less."

"It has been a tough year. We have lost a lot of good people and I have lost a lot of good friends — Gaddafi, I miss you [looks in the air]. Sorry, Gaddafi, I miss you [looks at the ground]. Also, KJ, Kimmy G, K-Jo, K-Man — you know, Kim Jong. And of course you know Chavez died last month... Oh, oops — you did not hear that from me."

Even Beatles are crazy for Mad Men

Tomorrow Never Knows. Acclaimed show given rare privilege of using Revolver song in latest episode

It turns out even the Beatles are Mad Men devotees.

Sunday's episode of the acclaimed drama ended with brooding ad man Don Draper alone in his New York apartment listening to Tomorrow Never Knows from the Fab Four's 1966 album Revolver.

Mad Men husband-and-wife writing-producing duo Andre and Maria Jacquemetton say the show's creative team desperately wanted that particular song. "In the case of the Beatles, they're not known for opening up their song catalogue to everyone," Andre Jacquemetton said Monday.

"It just turns out actually that they're huge fans of the show. So in a way, it's 'Who do you get to talk to?'"

Added Maria Jacquemetton: "It was really (Mad Men creator) Matt Weiner making a personal appeal, he really worked very hard to get that particular song in the episode."

In the instalment, entitled Lady Lazarus, Draper's wife Megan (Jessica Pare) announces plans to quit the advertising business to resume pursuit of an acting career.

Quoted

"It just turns out actually that they are huge fans of the show."

Maria Jacquemetton
Mad Men co-writer/producer

She gives her husband the album after it's revealed he knows woefully little about popular music.

"The episode is so much about Don's disappointment over the woman that he loves not wanting to be at his side ...and him sort of feeling out of touch with everything that's going on around him."

Jon Hamm plays straitlaced ad man Don Draper on the hit series Mad Men. RON JAFFE. AMC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

That has been a recurring theme this season as the straitlaced Draper deals with the advent of the psychedelic 1960s. It was a cultural shift touched on in an episode a couple of weeks ago when Draper's colleague, Roger Sterling, went on an acid trip.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

John Travolta ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

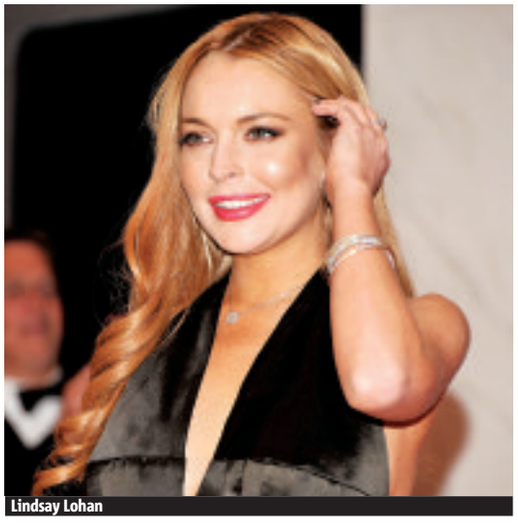
Masseuse sues John Travolta for sexual advances

An unnamed man is suing John Travolta for sexual battery and assault, claiming the famous actor tried to have sex with him after hiring him for a massage, according to E! News.

The suit claims Travolta stripped naked, fondled himself and made several sexual advances at the man. It also states Travolta bragged to the plaintiff that he "got where he is now due to sexual favors he had performed when he was in his Welcome Back, Kotter days." According to the suit, Travolta apologized for his advances.

Quoted

"This lawsuit is complete fiction and fabrication. None of the events claimed in the suit ever occurred." Rep for John Travolta



Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan dines with Woody Allen in New York

Lindsay Lohan looks to be taking a serious crack at her comeback after being spotted dining with Woody Allen and his wife in New York over the weekend, according to People magazine. The trio enjoyed a meal at Philippe, though it's unclear if the meeting was for business or pleasure. Certainly Lohan would be thrilled to work with Allen on an upcoming project. Lohan's rep would only confirm the meeting took place, saying, "They had dinner together in New York. Lindsay very much admires Mr. Allen."

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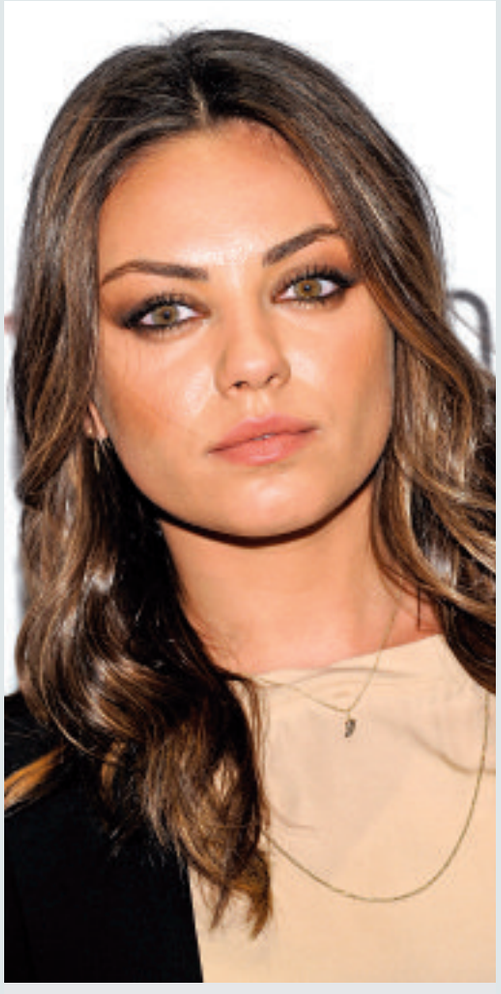

Mila Kunis: Accidental superhero?

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On Friday, actress Mila Kunis called police after a man followed her to the gym for the third day in a row. Stuart Dunn, a 27-year-old homeless man, had previously been ordered to keep his distance from Kunis after allegedly breaking into her Los Angeles home in January.

Yesterday, Kunis was dialing 911 again when a man who worked at her home suffered a violent seizure. After he collapsed, she turned his head to the side to prevent choking and offered to ride with him in the ambulance, reports TMZ.

It's just as we suspected: Mila Kunis is an advanced superhuman with lifesaving powers, immune to even the perfect excuse to skip the gym. How else do you think she survived eight years in patterned bell-bottoms opposite Ashton Kutcher?

She just writes the hits...

Sheryl Crow had to ask her audience for help when she forgot the words to her hit Soak Up The Sun during her Saturday show in St. Petersburg, FL. "I'm 50, what can I say! My brain has gone to s—t!" she said after getting back on track.

Which begs the question: what wonderful, merciful rock has Sheryl been hiding under for the past 10 years?

Prince Harry

Love is still in the air for Prince Harry and former flame Chelsea

Prince Harry can't seem to keep ex-girlfriend Chelsea Davy out of his life, as the two — who split up officially in 2009 — are reportedly seeing each other, according to Us Weekly.

"They're not dating again, but they are seeing each other," a source says. "There's definitely a romantic connection still. They will never be 'just friends' — both of them admit that's impossible."

Matthew Fox

Matthew Fox busted for drunk driving

Matthew Fox was arrested for driving under the influence in Oregon earlier this week, but by Hollywood arrest standards he can count himself lucky.

"He didn't take a booking photo because the machine was broken," a source tells TMZ. "He'll have to come back and get that done another day." The former Lost star was reportedly stopped at 3:23 a.m. while on his way to a fast-food restaurant with a passenger in the car. Fox is due in court on June 7.

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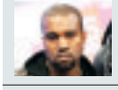

Today, Kanye West is taking over to let us know some trends in men's fashion of which he's not particularly fond.

@kanyewest
Just driving through the city and I see a few thing I hate...

@kanyewest
I hate hoodies with sport coats

@kanyewest
I hate khaki trench coats with jeans and off brand work out sneakers

@ kanyewest
I Hate big ass striped scarves

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Travel in brief

Starwood sets sights on the East

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide plans to open 40 new hotels in the Middle East and North Africa over the next five years, the hotel operator said Monday. The company currently has nearly 70 high-end hotels in the region, including a recently opened Westin in Abu Dhabi and St. Regis in Qatar. It has a long history in the area, beginning with its opening of a Sheraton in 1966 in Kuwait. "Despite economic and political uncertainty in parts of the region, Starwood continues to see demand for growth of all of our brands across the Middle East and North Africa," Frits van Paasschen, President and CEO of Starwood Hotels & Resorts, said in a statement. Starwood said the region is its second-largest growth market after China. The company feels development there is key to its global growth strategy. It expects the number of tourists travelling to the region will double from nearly 80 million last year to 195 million by 2030.

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On the web

Old Montana prison offers a chilling glimpse of the past

A walk across the Brooklyn Bridge is one of the best free activities for visitors. MARY ALTAFFER, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5 Freebies in New York

It's ironic in a city with some of the most expensive hotels and restaurants in the world, many of New York's best attractions are free.

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1 Times Square

A vibrant public space like no other, even better in person than it looks on TV. Plenty of things here to buy, of course, but the lights, sights and people-watching are free, 24 hours a day.

2 High Line

One of the city's newest attractions, the High Line has quickly become a favourite with out-of-towners and locals alike. It's a narrow park built on an old elevated freight railway along 10th Avenue on Manhattan's West Side, from Gansevoort Street, just below 14th Street, to 31st Street. It offers a unique look at the urban landscape from 30 feet above ground, with a peek at adjacent apartments, Hudson River views, vestiges of the neighbourhood's industrial past — meatpacking plants, auto shops - as well as signs of a trendy rebirth: postmodern architecture, art installations and Diane von Furstenburg's DVF building. The northern half is more park-like with plantings, benches and birds.

3 Staten Island Ferry

This humble, utilitarian boat takes commuters between Manhattan and Staten Island 24 hours a day, and it's free. It also offers classic views of the Statue of Liberty, harbour, and skyscraper canyons. Take the No. 1 subway to South Ferry or No. 4 or 5 to Bowling Green to board the boat on the Manhattan side. Be ready for crowds at rush hour and longer waits off-peak.

4 Brooklyn Bridge

When it opened in 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge was an engineering wonder; the longest suspension bridge in the world. It remains a beloved symbol of New York and an aesthetic triumph, with Gothic arches worthy of a cathedral and a delicate filigree of cables whose patterns change with every step along the mile-long walkway. Take the A or C train to High Street, Brooklyn, and walk back to Manhattan for the best skyline views.

5 Central Park

Central Park is the city's communal backyard, a green space where New Yorkers can escape their small apartments to skate, bike, jog, picnic, push a stroller, walk a dog or climb a rock. Stroll the serpentine paths as dappled sunshine filters through the trees, and consider how well the park fulfills the goal of its 19th century designers, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, who sought to create the illusion of nature in an urban environment.

Unravelling the Mayan mystery

Exhibit. Ancient kingdoms and glyph writings explained in new show at Penn Museum in Philadelphia

If the world ends on Dec. 21, 2012 — as some believe the Maya predicted — that leaves plenty of opportunity to see a new exhibit that examines the civilization's ancient kingdoms, intricate calendar systems and current culture.

Experts at the Penn Museum in Philadelphia apparently give little credence to the apocalypse myth, considering the show runs through early 2013. But they say the legend, which has been perpetuated in pop culture through disaster movies and sensational tabloid headlines, offers a chance to engage people about ancient and modern Maya society.

Maya 2012: Lords of Time features artifacts excavated from the historic Maya ruins of Copan in Honduras, including burial jewelry, food vessels and ceramic figures. Honduras President Porfirio Lobo Sosa is scheduled to cut the ribbon when the exhibit opens on Saturday. The show also uses interactive displays to explain the culture's glyph writing and sophisticated timetables. The upshot is that while it's human nature to seek ancient insight into the current world, people should not interpret the Maya calendar as predicting a cataclysmic event. "It's just a turn of a cycle," said curator Loa Traxler. Regarded as one of the world's greatest early societies, the Maya lived for centuries in parts of Mexico and Central America. Many of their iconic pyramids still stand.

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Mayan myth

Armageddon?

As early astronomers, the Maya devised various types of calendars by observing celestial movements. Their "Long Count" calendar begins in 3114 B.C. and marks time in roughly 394-year periods known as baktuns. Thirteen was a sacred number for the Maya, and some scholars believe the 13th baktun ends on Dec. 21, 2012. Penn Museum experts say it ends Dec. 23, but that then another calendar cycle will begin — not Armageddon. Curator Loa Traxler said while it's hard to trace the origin of the apocalypse prophecy, she described it as "a conflation of a lot of different ideas," including Aztec lore and Judeo-Christian end-of-days rhetoric.

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A stone figure of the Maize God is on display at the Maya 2012: Lords of Time exhibit. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Make rice the star of a filling & tasty dish

This delicate and delicious Salmon and Rice Chowder is elegant enough to serve at an afternoon lunch but also easy enough to whip together for a quick weeknight meal.

Salmon may be substituted for any firm white fish or shrimp to suit different tastes.

1. In a large saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat; cook the onion and celery, stirring occasionally, until they are softened, about 5 minutes.

2. Stir in the all-purpose flour; cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in the clam juice, water, salt, sweet paprika and pepper; bring to boil over high heat, stirring often.

3. Add the boneless, skinless salmon, rice and corn kernels and cream; cover and simmer until the mixture is heated through and fish flakes easily when tested, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in a bit more cream and the dill, chives or green onions; heat through.

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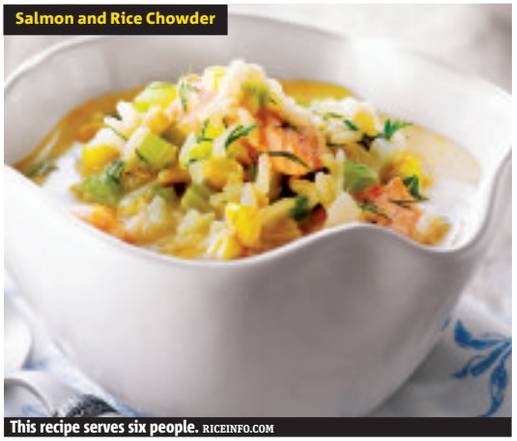
Salmon and Rice Chowder



This recipe serves six people. RICEINFO.COM

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 stalks of celery, diced
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) all-purpose flour
- 2 bottles (each 236 mL) clam juice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) sweet paprika
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 1 lb (500 g) boneless skinless salmon fillets, cut into bite-size chunks
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) cooked medium- or long-grain brown rice
- 1 cup (250 mL) frozen corn kernels
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) whipping cream
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh dill, parsley, chives or green onions

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What it takes to win at the entry level

Starting from the bottom. How absorbing and embracing adversity can help your new career

GREGORY MURRAY
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After a year of working at a comfortable management desk job right out of business school, I was pulled into my boss's office and was told it was time for a "critical experience."

As my boss was speaking, all I remember hearing were the words "working off-shift" and I knew that I was headed to manage the night shift.

Ego-deflating critical experiences might involve relocating to a field office in the middle of nowhere, working on the smallest and most un-sexy brand (like my male friend working on a feminine-hygiene brand), or completing mundane data entry that even a monkey could perform.

These entry-level critical experiences are never the jobs you hear about at university — however, their intention is simple and important: to test your devotion to the company and accelerate your understanding of the business from cocky new grad to competent leader.

While they're not fun, these experiences are highly beneficial and if you want to move up to the executive levels — or at least beyond the entry level — you must embrace and succeed at these critical experiences.

It's often said that those who reach the stratospherically successful plateaus in life and career are those who can handle the quickest pace of change.

I would go a step further and say that they are also the ones who seek out and learn from the most adverse scenarios. It sounds counter-intuitive, but these adversity-craving people realize that adversity is where the growth is and don't shy away from it.

For me, working the night shift meant drastically changing one of the most fundamental and steadfast structures in my life: my routine. While challenging, it was one of the best things for me.

Not only was I making executive calls affecting a large team of employees and having a significant impact on costs and budget, but I learned to be adaptable in life and to be more open to change.

Around this time I read that online retailer Zappos (Fortune rated it one of the best corporate cultures in America) would pay $2,000 to any associate who decided to resign. Their philosophy was simple: If you don't love working at Zappos, you aren't going to do a good job.

Chin up: If you want to get to the castle, you've got to swim the moat. ISTOCK IMAGES

This was the challenge I posed to myself, and what I challenge you to do when faced with an adverse critical experience: summon the strength to suffer well (ideally, you will eventually be promoted).

Get to a point where even if your company offered you $2,000 for a new position, you would see the benefit in staying and refuse.

Adversity is logarithmic. Now is your time to eat it up to raise your baseline tolerance of it for the even larger critical experiences coming down the pipe. There is always a light at the end of the tunnel — and a promotion not so far away.

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Gregory Murray, recent grad with a bachelor of commerce, working in brand management

Student Voice

Finding work as a recent graduate

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I graduated from my Bachelor of Science Physical Geography program at Simon Fraser University last June, and struggled to find work in an environmentally-focused area.

Having completed four co-op work terms with a variety of government agencies, and possessing a strong GPA (around 3.9), I figured that finding another summer work term wouldn't be that difficult.

Unfortunately, it seems employers are hesitant to hire new graduates (even those who have successfully completed a co-op program) and would prefer to stick with currently enrolled co-op students. Even my former co-op employers told me that there was nothing available for me.

I tried to use the fact that I had been accepted into a master's of geography for the fall as an example of my strong motivation and research capabilities.

However, employers did not seem thrilled that I would be returning to school in the fall, and therefore couldn't commit to full-time work after August.

As the months went by without a single interview (I did not receive my first interview until late April, and it was for a retail position), I became discouraged and began exploring the retail sector. Though I managed to obtain a few interviews based on my previous experience as a cashier, the overwhelming question interviewers would ask me at the interview was, "Aren't you overqualified for this position?" and then I would never hear back from them.

Where I am now

I am currently a master of science student and teaching assistant at Simon Fraser University.

My recommendations for employers

I would suggest to employers that they maybe consider offering some volunteer positions or projects to new graduates, whereby they can gain industry experience and build up a network of contacts. I understand that it takes a lot of time and resources to train new graduates. By volunteering, new graduates will be able to help out a company in a less formal and time-consuming way, while at the same time, gaining the crucial industry experience they need.

My recommendations for students

It almost feels as if new graduates run into a catch-22 with respect to job opportunities. The vast majority of job postings want a bachelor's degree (or above) in education, but also require several years of industry experience, something that even a co-op program is unable to provide.

My advice for graduate and soon-to-be graduate students is to network.

Get involved in industry and academic groups, such as the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (APEG) and the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG).

Also, attend industry conferences to see who the employers in your field are, and potentially build up a network of contacts in the field applicable to you.

As the old saying goes, "It [does not seem to be] what you know, but who you know" that gets you the job.

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Basketball

Nash takes on Canada GM job

Steve Nash has dreamed of managing the Canadian men's team since he was a young point guard running its offence.

He didn't envision that day would come so soon.

Canada's biggest basketball star was named general manager of the Canadian men's senior team Tuesday.

Nash, who will be a highly coveted free agent this NBA off-season, said the opportunity to help what might be the most talented group of young players the country has ever produced was one he couldn't pass up.

"It really is a beautiful thing to see our kids and the game grow and the talent continue to reach new heights," Nash said Tuesday in Toronto. "I have a lot of excitement generated for the young kids in this country, many of which are making a name for themselves already, and many of which are coming up behind them." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Steve Nash speaks in Toronto on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis

In-form Raonic set to face Federer

Canada's Milos Raonic dominated former grand slam finalist David Nalbandian 6-4, 6-4 on Tuesday in the first round of the Madrid Open.

The 21-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., will face Swiss ace Roger Federer in Wednesday's second round THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Devils celebrate Ilya Kovalchuk's power-play goal on Tuesday night in Philadelphia. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Surprise Devils put Flyers' season to bed

NHL. New Jersey books ticket to East finals with victory in Philadelphia

Bryce Salvador, David Clarkson and Ilya Kovalchuk scored goals to lift New Jersey to a 3-1 Game 5 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night, sending the Devils into the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 2003.

Martin Brodeur was strong in goal and has the Devils back in position to win their fourth Stanley Cup. The Devils await the winner of the New York Rangers-Washington Capitals series. New Jersey rebounded this season under coach Peter DeBoer after missing the playoffs for the first time since 1996 last season.

Game 5

Devils	Flyers
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The sixth-seeded Devils scored twice in the first period and became the first East team to win four straight games in these playoffs.

"It was just sticking with the gameplan and doing what it takes to be successful," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said. "Marty made some saves when he needed to, and we held on."

Max Talbot scored for the Flyers as Philadelphia was eliminated in the conference semifinals for the second straight season. The Flyers finished the season without suspended all-star forward Claude Giroux because of his illegal check to the head of New Jersey centre Dainius Zubrus in Game 4.

The Flyers underwent a facelift last summer that saw them trade team captain Mike Richards to the Los Angeles Kings and acquire goalie Ilya Bryzgalov from the Phoenix Coyotes.

The Kings and Coyotes will play in the West finals while the Flyers watch from home.

Quoted

"It's a team game. We play that way, and guys really believe in what we're doing."

Peter DeBoer, Devils head coach.

The Flyers again failed in the post-season to hold a quick lead after Talbot scored in the first.

Bryzgalov had a disheartening end to an erratic first season in Philadelphia. He allowed two YouTube-worthy goals like only he can.

Salvador unleashed a shot from outside the circle that skipped along the ice as if he threw a rock across a pond and sailed high over Bryzgalov for the tying goal.

In a season loaded with head-scratching tallies allowed, Bryzgalov saved the weirdest for the finale. Clarkson's shot on Bryzgalov was deflected off the goalie's stick straight back at the checking forward. Bryzgalov looked behind himself in disbelief after Clarkson knocked it right into the net. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horford returns to help lift Hawks over Celtics

Paul Pierce, middle, is covered by Al Horford and Jeff Teague Tuesday in Atlanta. JOHN BAZEMORE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Welcome back, Al Horford.

In his first start since January, Horford scored 19 points, hit Atlanta's final two baskets and came up with a huge defensive play to make sure the Hawks kept their season going with a frenetic 87-86 victory over the Boston Celtics in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference playoffs Tuesday night.

"I wanted to bring that energy to the team," Horford said.

That he did, dribbling out at the head of fast breaks and diving fearlessly on the court for loose balls, not the least bit worried about reinjuring the pectoral muscle that kept him out most of the season. In addition to leading the Hawks in scoring, he grabbed 11 rebounds, dished out three assists, came up with three steals and blocked three shots — all while playing more than 31 minutes, far more than the Hawks intended.

With the season on the line, the Hawks couldn't worry about pre-game arrangements. The Celtics lead the series 3-2 heading to Boston for Game 6 on Thursday. If the Hawks can steal one on the road, the deciding game would be Saturday in Atlanta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Other series

- Danny Granger scored 25 points to help the **Indiana Pacers** defeat the **Orlando Magic 105-87** on Tuesday night and clinch their first-round Eastern Conference series
- Luol Deng scored 24 points, Carlos Boozer added 19 points and 13 rebounds, and the **Chicago Bulls** beat the **Philadelphia 76ers 77-69** on Tuesday night.

4 SPORTS

NHL playoffs

"I think the best part is so many people told you this could never happen. It feels really nice to be living this right now."

Coyotes captain Shane Doan, after a 2-1 win on Tuesday night that eliminated the Nashville Predators in Game 5 of the Western Conference semifinals. After moving from Winnipeg to the Valley of the Sun before the 1996-97 season, the Coyotes failed to win a playoff series in seven tries and didn't get into the post-season seven other times.

MLB

Hamilton hammers away on Orioles

Josh Hamilton became the 16th player to hit four home runs in a game, launching a quartet of two-run drives against three different pitchers in a history-making performance that carried the Texas Rangers to a 10-3 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web

Prosecutors in the Roger Clemens perjury trial introduced convicted drug dealer and former New York Mets batboy Kirk Radomski on Tuesday, who said he made a shipment for two kits of human growth hormone and "about 50 to 100 needles" to Clemens' home address in 2002. Scan the code for the story.

5 DRIVE

What Owners Like

Performance, looks, a screaming engine note, manual shifter quality and overall responsiveness are perhaps the most highly-rated aspects reported by RX-8 owners. Many appreciate the rear doors and relatively easy rear-seat access.

What Owners Dislike

Limited headroom, visibility and fuel consumption are among the RX-8's most common complaints.

On the Web

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Kid-friendly RX-8: Looks & performance

Second Gear.
2004 to 2011
Mazda RX-8

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For sports car enthusiasts with kids, the Mazda RX-8 made plenty of sense, given its rare 'suicide' doors, striking looks and track-ready performance.

Sharp-as-a-tack handling, instant precise steering and killer looks were all part of the package, which included a usable backseat.

Features included Bose audio, heated leather seating, navigation, automatic climate control and plenty more.

JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO

Common issues

Check the level and condition of the RX-8's engine oil before your test drive. Be sure the seller was fond of high-quality oil changes.

A lumpy idle or 'misfire' may be the result of an overheating issue related to the ignition coils. If you experience this issue on a test drive, be sure to have the vehicle inspected to confirm.

Given the RX-8's unique engine, only a rotary-trained Mazda mechanic should inspect the vehicle ahead of your purchase.

While the car is in the air, the mechanic can also check for fluid leaks, excessive rust, and the condition of the tires and brakes.

Engine

Horsepower from the 1.3-litre 'RENESIS' rotary engine was rated at 238 with the six-speed manual, and between 200 and 212 with the four-speed automatic. This was replaced with a six-speed automatic later in the RX-8's life.

Verdict

With a clean bill of health from your Mazda mechanic, a well-maintained RX-8 should provide relatively trouble-free access to a unique and sporty driving experience.

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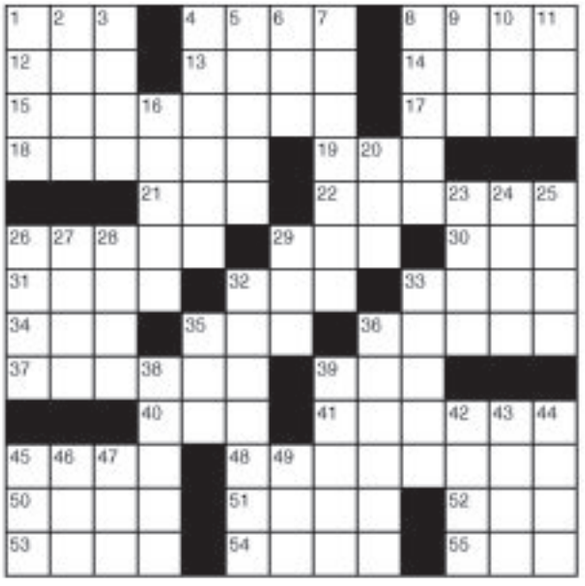
Crossword

Across

1 Track circuit
4 Schleps
8 Weak, as an excuse
12 Noshed
13 Freshly
14 "American —"
15 Estival pest
17 Meat —
18 Quantity
19 Actress Thompson
21 Lemieux milieu
22 Grasshopper's cousin
26 Stock
29 Stiller or Stein
30 — generis
31 Theater box
32 Oppositionist
33 Requirement
34 The whole enchilada
35 Dance syllable
36 Not wan
37 Scarab, for one
39 Allow
40 Black-and-white diver
41 Be there
45 Philadelphia attraction
48 Hive dweller
50 Bread spread
51 Exam format
52 Scepter topper
53 Portent
54 Wedding-dress accessory
55 Whether or —

Down

1 Tibetan monk
2 Minuscule bit
3 Mexican money
4 Set off
5 Become one
6 Comprehend
7 Distended
8 Purple shade
9 Commotion
10 Extinct bird of New Zealand
11 Ernie of Keebler ads
16 Rather
20 A long time
23 Secondhand
24 Sought restitution
25 Spruced up
26 Spill the beans
27 Characterization
28 Lecherous look
29 Feathery neckwear
32 "The Cherry Orchard" writer
33 Eccentric
35 Actor Gulager
36 Narrate again
38 Claw
39 Veranda
42 Black, in poetry
43 Pianist Peter
44 Creditor's concern
45 Greet the villain
46 Freddy's street
47 Appomattox VIP
49 Raw rock



Sudoku

8		6			7		2	
				6	5			1
7				2		3		
		5					1	
		1	4		6	9		
	6					2		
		4		3				2
5			2	7				
	9		8			1		7

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	4	1	3	7	2	5	9	6
9	7	3	6	5	8	2	4	1
6	5	2	1	9	4	7	3	8
1	9	5	6	4	8	3	2	7
7	8	6	5	2	3	4	1	9
2	3	4	9	1	7	8	6	5
3	1	7	4	6	5	9	8	2
5	6	8	2	3	9	1	7	4
4	2	9	7	8	1	6	5	3

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

O X V Y B R P T ' U O B K J E Y R

A B Y V E U D Z Z U F B K K C Z W

X E F D Z P U V H W Z H V W K T . E

W V A J Z Y X V ' U P Y L V W U D B C C V L .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE REPLACED MR. GEHRIG ON THE DIAMOND, YOU COULD SAY THAT HE PLAYED IN LIEU OF LOU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals O

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. A money problem will disappear as if by magic. Most likely it was never a real problem in the first place.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. It's good to let friends know what it is you want out of life. If there is anything they can do to make it happen, they won't hesitate to offer.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Something you once feared so much no longer seems to worry you and that's marvelous news.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may have found it difficult recently to defend your beliefs but Mercury's change of signs today will help you to express yourself.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Do you have what it takes to compete at the highest level? Of course you do and the current cosmic set-up will smooth your path to success.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. For the past few weeks you have been trying hard, without success, to live up to other people's expectations. Time to be yourself again.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will learn something to your advantage, something hugely interesting. Don't let everyone in on the news.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You'll find it easier today to put your thoughts into words. It'll have a positive effect on all your relationships.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It will occur to you today that there are easier ways to deal with your workload. Use those ideas.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You've been working hard. Forget about work for a while. Focus on the lighter side of life – and on romance.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You will be in a relaxed mood today, especially in the domestic sphere where you cannot be bothered to argue with loved ones.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Starting today, you will start to think clearly again and your mind will overflow with good ideas.

SALLY BROMPTON

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"What do you mean you couldn't find any good pics for the blue screen? This pose is epic!"
Colleen

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